changed from 11.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. keeping in view the demand made by certain sections of the public for such a change.

Use of transplant techniques by IARI dairy farm

2781. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports appearing in a section of the press regarding birth of calf by transplant techniques at I.A.R.I. dairy farm;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the significance of this technique;

(d) whether Government propose to ask IARI to adopt these techniques on other domestic animals; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARI KRISHNA SHASTRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In a collaborative research between I.A.R.I. and National Institute of Immunology, New Delhi, a calf through **embryo transfer technology** was born on 13th January 1987. Subsequently twelve more calves were born. Recently through a split embryo technique a calf was born on 16th November 1988.

(c) The propagation of these techniques will help in intensifying production of superior germ plasm in dairy animals.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) The work on embryo technology in cattle and other species has been taken up by other animal science research Institutes and State Agricultural Universities as a part of Technology Mission on Dairy Cattle Improvement through embryo transfer and under Indo-US Cooperative research project and AP Cess funded projects.

Proposals for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme

2782. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some proposals for Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme are under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and characteristics of these proposals;

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be implemented; and

(d) what results are expected to be achieved as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to revise some of the provisions of the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS). The changes include implementation of the CCIS on compulsory basis, charging actuarial rates of premia, reducing the scale of finance, improvement in the crop credit system and limiting the maximum sum insured per farmer etc.

(c) These changes in the CCIS are proposed to be implemented during the current financial year

(d) As a result of these changes the CCIS will be better administered.

Improvement in the functioning of Doordarshan

2783. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION

AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the remarks and observations made by the Prime Minister to 'Sunday' Magazine dated 13th —19th November issue; if so, the steps Government propose to take to improve the functioning of Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government are aware of the widespread criticism that news coverage by Doordarshan is very narrow and limited; and

(c) what is the number of TV sets at present in operation in India?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir. It is the constant endeavour of Doordarshan to improve upon its programmes.

(b) No, Sir. The reporting of the news is governed by a set of rules as contained in the News Policy for Broadcast Media. As per these guidelines, the news has to be factual, acurate and objective and only such events which make news are included in the news bulletins.

(c) It is estimated that about 13.3 million TV sets were there in India as on December, 1987.

Circulation of daily newspapers in India

2784. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state what is the circulation of daily newspapers in India as on today?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): As per the information available in the Annual Returns filed by the newspapers with the Registrar of Newspapers for India, total circulation of daily newspapers in India as on 31st December, 1987 was 2,26,07,000 copies.

Rules/Regulations for construction of 5-Star Hotel in Delhi

2785. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules and regulations for five star Hotel constructions, reallotment of shopping arcade area in total area of the Hotel in New Delhi;

(b) whether any flexibility has been permitted in the implementation of these regulations in New Delhi during last three years; and

(c) whether all permissions given to construct Hotels in connection with ASIAD are all fulfilled, how many hotels were permitted to be constructed what is the state of affair about them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) N.D.M.C. have reported that the construction of a 5-star hotel is allowed either on a plot falling in the pocket earmarked as commercial zone in the Master/Zonal Plan or on a plot specifically earmarked for such purpose in the Master/Zonal Plan. While approving the plans, it is ensure that following requirements have been satisfied:—

1. that plans are in accordance with the provisions contained in the bye-laws.

2. that the Chief Fire Officer has certified that the plans satisfy the fire safety requirements from fire safety point of view.

3. that scheme is as per Master/Zonal plan regulations.